

## "ASPAUMANIA." A Disease Which Seems to Affect All Classes in Venezuela.

Three Men, Who Represent Three Warring Companies, Their Three Assistants, and Their One Way of Keeping Close Watch on Each Other.

Strangers Kept Under Close Surveillance in a Manner Which Much Suggests Opera Bouffe—What the Three Men Have Done to Set Venezuela by the Ears—The Country's Laws.

### SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

Caracas, Venezuela, May 22.—There is a prevalent in Venezuela today a new and distinct type of mental disorder. The alienation of the future will probably call it "aspaumania."

All Americans interested in the asphalt controversy have it. Most Venezuelans have it. It affects them all the same way. Waking they think of nothing but asphalt. Sleeping they dream of nothing but asphalt. The whole country is torn up over it still, although the actual fight is about ended.

Intrigue, duplicity, conspiracy, all play their part. A stranger coming to Venezuela would suppose that asphalt was the most valuable commodity on earth—worth more than all the gold of the Klondike—and that Venezuela had it all.

It is almost an opera bouffe performance that is going on in Venezuela now. There is more Spanish mystery in it than in a Carles rising. The principal actors are: Patrick Sullivan of Syracuse, N. Y., representing the Warner and Quinlan company; Henry W. Bean of New York, representing the New York and Bermudez company; and George MacDonald, representing the company of the New York and Bermudez company, and William Findlay Brown of Philadelphia and the Thomas Dolan interests.

Mr. Sullivan and Mr. Bean. First as to Mr. Sullivan. He is a stout, sturdy gentleman, past the middle age, with a good nose, a clear eye, a temper and an unassuming desire for information. He lives at the Hotel Gran Venezuela with his wife. He is the man who made all the trouble between Venezuela and the United States. He bought from the Venezuelans, whom the Bermudez company claim situated on a portion of their lake, the concession known as Felicidad.

Mr. Sullivan has in his employ a bright and restless spirit known as Doctor Zuloaga. Mr. Sullivan is the man who accused Minister Loomis of selling out the New York and Bermudez company, and doubtless his accusations had much to do with making President Castro believe the story.

Next Mr. Bean. Mr. Bean is a young New York City lawyer, a Harvard graduate and a member of the City Club. He came to Venezuela to look after the interests of the New York and Bermudez company after Mr. Carner, the representative of the company, had permitted its affairs to get into a hopeless tangle. It is not Mr. Bean's fault he is here. He is behaving himself like a gentleman, living the life of a gentleman, and gradually realizing that all that glitter is not asphalt. He has leased one of the best coals in Venezuela, has the best deal of money for the New York and Bermudez company, and has employed most of the lawyers in Caracas, whom Mr. Sullivan has not.

Now, fix in your mind in connection with Mr. Bean one Pastor y Mora, just as you have fixed in connection with Mr. Sullivan one Zuloaga. Pastor y Mora is a dark and skilful Spaniard, who failed as a coffee planter, and now stands ready to die for Mr. Bean, while the other stands ready to die for Mr. Sullivan.

"King George" MacDonald. We now turn to Mr. MacDonald. Mr. MacDonald comes from Newark, N. J., but much frequents the Hoffman House when in the United States. He is a tall, handsome fellow, with a receding hair and an imperial beard. He is a man of great energy, where the asphalt men know him as "King George," controls an asphalt mine at Maracibo, to which the New York and Bermudez company claim to own, and is interested in coal mines and oil properties at Maracibo. The Venezuelans think him the handsomest man in the country. He stayed his whole life in Venezuela, and the Castro government, and especially with the Minister of Fomento, who controls concessions, and is frequently a guest at the President's palace of Mira Flores.

Associated with Mr. MacDonald is a certain Doctor Manuel Diaz, who is not the same as the Doctor Diaz who is a guest at the President's palace. Mr. Diaz is a certain Doctor Manuel Diaz, who is not the same as the Doctor Diaz who is a guest at the President's palace. Mr. Diaz is a certain Doctor Manuel Diaz, who is not the same as the Doctor Diaz who is a guest at the President's palace.

Second—By a darksome individual who reports to Mr. Sullivan.

Third—By a light steppar from Mr. Bean's house.

Fourth—By a watchful individual representing Mr. MacDonald.

All Watch Each Other. While the asphalt men are being hounded from left to right other things may be happening in the asphalt play in which Doctor Zuloaga is the main actor. Doctor Bean may desire to send a man to Maracibo to see what the asphalt men are doing. Doctor Bean may desire to send a man to Maracibo to see what the asphalt men are doing.

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## ST. LOUIS SHRINERS TO VISIT KANSAS CITY.



Members of the Arab Patrol, local Moolah Temple, who will attend the Imperial Council of the Mystic Shrine at Kansas City next week. The names, reading from left to right by rows, are:

First row: Joshua Dickson, Julius E. Widemeyer, A. F. Weeke, R. H. Caffall. Second row: A. R. Klebba, W. J. Abbott, E. C. Robinson, J. A. McMaster, William Dodd, potentate; W. H. Uthoff, A. C. Hammacher, Charles Jackson. Third row: J. A. Arndt, H. F. Niedringhaus, H. B. Martin, R. W. Morrison, Walter S. Brown, Colonel C. A. Sinclair, G. H. Behrenberg, Alce. D. Grant, F. O. Snow, W. H. Hawkins, T. A. Glenn. Fourth row: H. L. Ermatinger, E. W. Woodbridge, E. F. W. Kaiser, Charles H. Deniston, Charles S. Dickie, Charles H. Specht, C. F. Niedringhaus, W. J. Baird, Otto Koenig. Rear row: P. C. Thompson, Charles S. Babcock, Martin Hacker, Alphonso Whipple, T. G. Hoffman, O. H. P. Grunden.

## PROBABLE FORM OF THE PROPOSED POPULAR CREED.

General Assembly's Action on Revision Anxiously Awaited by Presbyterian Ministers.

### DR. L. F. FERGUSON'S VIEWS.

He Believes There Is No Occasion for Alarm—Doctor S. J. Nicolls Reviews the Question.

Leading ministers of the Presbyterian Church are discussing the probable outcome of the question of creed revision at the next General Assembly and the form of the proposed "popular creed." For the purpose of ascertaining the status of the revision question, a Republic reporter interviewed the two leading commissioners to the assembly recently held in Philadelphia, the Reverend Doctor P. L. Ferguson, pastor of West Presbyterian Church, and the Reverend Doctor S. J. Nicolls, pastor of Second Presbyterian Church, and member of the Revision Committee.

Doctor Ferguson said: "The action of the assembly cannot be called a victory for any element of the church. The discussion was conducted in the most kindly and fraternal spirit. The aim of all was to reach a conciliatory conclusion. There was an element in favor of a new creed and another that favored the old. The result was a large element opposed to any change on the ground that it is inexpedient. The result is perhaps the best solution of the complicated problem that could be reached."

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## EXPECT TO REFINED OIL AT BEAUMONT.

Promoters of Enterprise Believe the Refined Product Can Be Sold to Good Advantage.

### REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Beaumont, Tex., June 6.—N. A. McMillan, treasurer of the Union Trust Company of St. Louis, spent the day in Beaumont, the guest of Colonel Horace Exall, who is handling lands in this section. This afternoon Mr. McMillan was taken to the oil field, where he spent several hours noting the activities of the scene. He said before he departed for the North that he had been greatly impressed by his observations at Beaumont.

"This oil field is the only one in the world which stands in the way of the development of Texas manufactures and resources," said he. "It means more to the State than any of its real estate at this time. Plans for an oil refinery at Beaumont to be built with home capital furnished by one of the most widely-known men in the State are taking shape. It is understood that Walter E. Sharp is the moving spirit in the enterprise."

The promoters declare that it has been demonstrated beyond a doubt that the Beaumont oil is refinable, and that it can be converted into illuminating oil and sold in bulk on the ground here at 2 cents a gallon.

Two wells, the McMillan No. 5 and the Higgins No. 2, on Spindletop Hill, are expected to be in operation. The Heywood No. 2 is down 80 feet.

W. T. Campbell, representing the Swayne Syndicate, to-night closed a deal by which the Swayne Syndicate has acquired a quarter acre on Spindletop Hill.

The Swayne and Harbors Committee of Congress will meet to-morrow morning, between the hours of 5 and 6 P. M. Heywood of the Beaumont oil field is expected to be in Houston this evening, asking if his company would open one of its big wells to the public, which is the case with the Beaumont oil field.

Contracts were let today by D. R. Beatty, general agent for the Swayne Syndicate, and T. O. O'Connell on Spindletop Hill. Work will be commenced at once. J. H. Richards, general attorney of the Western division of the Missouri Pacific, is president of this company, and many St. Louisans, particularly among the railroad people, are interested.

WILL PROSPECT FOR OIL. Campbell, Mo., June 6.—The citizens of this place, with the assistance of parties from Cape Girardeau and Arkansas, are organizing a company to prospect for oil and all begin work at once.

For years the impression has prevailed that this particular portion of Missouri is underlaid with oil.

FARMERS HUNTING FOR NEGRO. He Waylaid a White Girl, Gagged and Carried Her Off. St. Joseph, Mo., June 6.—Two hundred infuriated farmers are scouring the timber twenty miles northeast of this city in an effort to capture an unknown negro who today waylaid the 15-year-old daughter of George Dixon, a farmer, bound and gagged and carried her off in the woods.

Other school children received the alarm and farmers were soon in pursuit. The negro became alarmed and fled. A lynching is expected in the event of his capture.

NO IMPROVEMENT YESTERDAY. Mrs. McKinley's Condition Remained Unchanged All Day. Washington, June 6.—Doctor Riggs left the White House at 10 o'clock to-night after an hour and a half spent in attendance on Mrs. McKinley. He said:

"There is no material change in Mrs. McKinley's condition. She remains the same as mentioned in our bulletin of this morning."

In answer to specific inquiries, he replied that he could not say there had been any perceptible improvement whatever during the day.

## SIX HUNDRED GIRL STUDENTS ARE OUT.

Armour Institute Directors Decide to Instruct Men Only After the Present Term.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Chicago, June 6.—With the completion of the spring term, 600 girl students of Armour Institute will walk out, and education in that institution will be a thing of the past. It has been decided to make the courses strictly scientific, and the directors believe that the work can be more successfully carried on where the classes are made up entirely of men.

Many of the girls would have received their diplomas next year. They are indignant at the unceremonious manner in which they are to be dropped, and one of them explained the feelings of the girls this way: "They are going to push us out to make room for a lot of electrical and civil engineers. I wonder if they think it is more important to know how to run a trolley car or to make a ditch than it is to have us know how to bake good bread or to make a shirt waist?"

## CORTELYOU FOR THE CABINET.

President's Private Secretary Will Fill the First Vacancy.

### REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Washington, June 6.—The understanding is that the vacancy on the White House rolls, made by the appointment of Assistant Secretary Pruden as a Paymaster in the army, with the rank of Major, will be filled by the selection of an outside man. There was a belief for some time that the position would go to some one from the Executive Mansion force, Chief Clerk Rudolph Forster being most prominently mentioned, but this has changed.

The situation is rather an interesting one. It is pretty generally understood that, when another vacancy occurs in the Cabinet, Secretary Cortelyou will be promoted to fill it. The opinion is that there will be an opening before a long time. Cortelyou's almost certain promotion would make a vacancy in the secretaryship. The man to be made assistant secretary will, along with Assistant Secretary Barnes, be eligible to promotion. The chances are that if Mr. Cortelyou goes into the Cabinet the office of secretary will again become more or less political, and will not be conferred for personal reasons wholly, as in the case of Secretary Cortelyou.

## GERMANS ON THE PACIFIC.

Steamship Line to Operate Between San Francisco and China.

### SPECIAL BY CABLE.

Berlin, June 6.—Copyright, 1901, by the New York Herald Company.—Herr Ballin, director general of the Hamburg-American Line, who lunched with the Kaiser, said, in an interview published by the Lokal-Anzeiger, that his company would shortly open the first regular line of fast-mail steamers between San Francisco and Shanghai. He had approved the scheme of the company by purchasing large quantities of goods at Shanghai for the construction of wharves, etc., and by contracts with the Trans-American railway.

Herr Ballin fully reported all this to the Kaiser. He also spoke of Mr. J. Pierpont Morgan's new undertaking. The director general of the Hamburg-American Line hopes to work on friendly terms with Mr. Morgan. He denied the English report that Mr. Morgan was in treaty for the purchase of the Hamburg-American Line.

## CITIZENS REPORTED MISSING.

Relatives Ask Police to Discover Their Whereabouts.

Julius Meyerfeld, 28 years old, of No. 11514 Olive street, called the morning. His wife, Ella Meyerfeld, called at the police station yesterday at noon to request the police to search for her husband. She said that he had been missing for some time, and that she had not heard from him for some time.

The couple conducted a hat-cleaning establishment. They had a little hard pressed in our business accounts," said his wife, "but nothing to alarm him. He had been dependent on his wife for some time, and she would not harm him. He did not drink, and he was a very good man."

Katie Slesoff of No. 333 North Whittier street yesterday requested the police to locate her husband, Charles Slesoff, who had been missing for some time. She said that he had been missing for some time, and that she had not heard from him for some time.

Peter Marcander, a butcher, living in St. Louis, Mo., called the morning. He requested the police to search for his brother, Conrad Marcander, 28 years old, who had been missing for some time. He said that he had been missing for some time, and that he had not heard from him for some time.

James Walsh, 60 years old, a watchman, for the St. Louis Transit Company at Grand and Shennandoah streets, called the morning. He requested the police to search for his son, James Walsh, 28 years old, who had been missing for some time. He said that he had been missing for some time, and that he had not heard from him for some time.

## HANNA ON RASSIEUR'S STAFF.

Recent Recruit to Ranks of G. A. R. Becomes a Colonel.

Cleveland, O., June 6.—Senator M. A. Hanna has been appointed a Colonel on the official staff of General Ransauer of St. Louis. Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic. Hanna was recently mustered into the Grand Army of the Republic as a member of Memorial Post in this city.

## WRECKED BY A TORNADO.

University Building and Tobacco Factory Demolished.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Cambridge, June 6.—A tornado today wrecked one of the buildings at the Northwestern Presbyterian University, doing \$5,000 damage. It also wrecked the tobacco factory. The estimated loss of the building and stock is \$25,000. The storm came from the northwest. No lives were lost.

## Visitors at St. Louis Hotels.

—John C. Hawell of Marion, Ind., is at the Platters.  
—H. L. Coffman of Commerce, Mo., is at the Lindell.  
—A. J. Conroy of Chicago is at the St. Nicholas.

—Mario Lovino of Montreal, Canada, is at the Platters.  
—J. E. Evans of Columbia, Mo., is at the Southern.  
—Charles Walker of Vandalia, Ill., is at the Southern.  
—H. N. O. Kallenback of Philadelphia is at the Southern, with Mrs. Kallenback.  
—R. A. Murphy of Milwaukee, Wis., is at the Platters.

—John A. Fuller of New York is at the Platters.  
—H. Hook of Sedalia, Ill., is at the Lindell.  
—E. C. Boelter of New York is at the St. Nicholas.  
—Doctor J. A. Townsend of Unionville, Mo., is at the Lindell.  
—M. A. Meyer of Chicago is at the Platters.  
—A. D. Howard of Booneville, Mo., is at the Southern.  
—J. W. Farris of Lebanon, Mo., is at the Platters.  
—R. W. C. Williams of Hartford, Conn., is at the Southern, with Mrs. Williams.  
—J. H. Cook of Carthage, Mo., is at the Platters.

## Well-Known Texas Farmer Dies.

Georgetown, Tex., June 6.—Jonas Christensen, a well-known Texas farmer and politician, died, aged 85. He lived in Williamson County since 1854. He has relatives in Missouri.